

Cornerstone Laid At New City Hall By Masonic Order

The cornerstone of the new \$29,000 Milwaukie City Hall was laid Saturday morning with officers of the grand lodge of Oregon, A. F. & A. M., assisted by officers of Milwaukie lodge No. 109, officiating.

Carl G. Patterson, grand master, was unable to be present and Leslie Scott, whom he deputized, was in charge of the ceremonies. Others taking part were Frank Howell, Portland, deputy grand master; D. R. Cheney, Portland, secretary; E. W. Kirkpatrick, Milwaukie, acting senior grand deacon; W. Wallace Spence, Portland, acting senior grand warden; Clarence R. Phillips, Portland, acting junior grand warden; Morris E. Etchinson, Portland, acting grand treasurer; Sidney Bartley, Portland, junior grand deacon; J. A. Thompson, Bend, acting senior grand steward; Walter Parker, Milwaukie, acting junior grand steward; George A. Lee, Milwaukie, acting grand standard bearer; Albert McCombs, acting chaplain; Carl C. Donough, acting orator; Frank Knoll, Jennings Lodge, marshal; Arthur Molesworth, grand tyler.

The copper box was placed by the grand treasurer and Mr. Scott placed the first trowel of mortar. The box contained a replica of the Oregon territorial seal, a copy of the U. S. constitution, pictures of the Grand lodge and Eastern Star officers and of the Milwaukie



Milwaukie City Hall, circa 1940; the building faces west toward Main Street, the cornerstone is located on the north east corner, the farthest part of the building to the left in this photo

orders, rosters of several lodge officers, the original PWA order for the allotment of funds for the building, a picture of the old city hall and of the old and new fire departments, newspaper accounts of the building, etc.

The Milwaukie junior high school band furnished music before and during the ceremonies, under the direction of George Leek.

Following the laying of the cornerstone those taking part were luncheon guests of the Milwaukie lodge.

This building is of brick veneer and is 110x50 feet, a PWA project, and one of the most modern in the entire northwest. It stands in what is known as the civic center of the town on property acquired from the school board. The city exchanged the old city hall site and other pieces of property for the new site, around which will be carried out the civic center idea.

The Milwaukie fire department will occupy the south side of the

ground floor with plenty of room for all the equipment. Doors to this room are automatically controlled with the first mechanism of its kind in the state, it being only necessary to pull a string to open them and turn on flood lights.

Club rooms and living quarters have also been provided for the firemen on this floor and the water department and recorder's office will also be there. The entire north side will be occupied by the library.

The mayor's office and council chambers will be on the second floor as will be a large community center hall that will be available for dancing and other forms of entertainment.

There will be another hall in the basement for gatherings of 100 people or less and other parts will be used for the heating plant and for storage.

The building is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy the first of July.